

**Karner Blue HCP
Implementation Oversight Committee (IOC) Meeting
May 17, 2006
9:30 a.m. -2:30 p.m.
Portage County Annex, Stevens Point**

MINUTES

Members Present: Bob Hess, Joel Aanensen, Jody Gindt, Ursula Petersen, Steve Richter, Matt Krumenauer, Dave Lentz, Joe Henry

Member absent: WDOT/Road ROW member

A quorum was present.

**1. Anti-Trust Statement was given by Dave Lentz to open the meeting.
Overview of agenda and agenda repair**

2. Approve minutes from 3-7-06

Matt motioned to approve minutes, seconded by Joel, all were in favor; minutes stand approved.

3. Review action items from previous meetings

- **Update on Forest Industry's IOC representatives**

Joel indicated that he would be willing to be the IOC representative for the forest industry. Rob Kudick will be the alternate.

Action Item: Dave will publish a new IOC Roster

- **Re: specific changes in the 5-point plan: Dave to draft a plan and send it to the IOC for input prior to March 28th.**

Not done. Dave drafted several issue papers on proposed changes, which were shared with the FWS at the HCP 6-month Review meeting. IOC had inputted to the drafting of the briefs, so they should reflect the perspective of the partners.

New Action Item: Dave will distribute same briefs to IOC. As remaining "change items" briefs are discussed by the IOC, Dave will draft and distribute additional issue briefs and proposed amendments to effect the changes.

4. Review results of April 11, 2006 HCP 6-month Review Meeting

- **Review discussion items, decisions and next steps**

Dave commented that the service was open to the possibility of redefining the high potential range based on KBB predictive model. We would call the new boundary the high probability range. The service did ask that we provide absence data to support the model to demonstrate that we did do surveying in the areas that the model suggests are poor for Karners. Ideally, we would like to have some changes made quickly so that we would see direct impacts on the amount and areas where surveying would occur during the 2006 growing season. This possibility may not happen this field season since the HCP Data Mgr. position was recently vacated.

Matt commented that Rebecca Schroeder from DNR-ER was present and she indicated that they will be hiring a recovery coordinator to help with defining how the recovery process will begin/happen.

Matt reviewed how the guideline repackaging team is going about revising the guidelines. An outline table was presented. The primary way we have decided to group things is by management type and by partner group. Matt also asked if everyone thought that this was a good way to organize the information. Ursula commented that she thought that it was a very good way to organize everything. For the review of guidelines and protocols, the IOC preferred electronic copies.

Sample protocols shared combined recommended and required practices.

Action Item: Joe to separate required items from the recommended items in each of the protocols currently written. All newly formatted protocols will separate these items.

Action Item: Dave to send Kbb model presentation link to all partners.

Action Item: Dave to send his GIS map exercise to all partners.

- **Follow up to meeting: Amendment approval decision.**

Following the meeting Jimmy Christenson reviewed the HCP and associated documents to clarify who needs to approve what types of changes.

- SHCA changes are between the partner and the DNR. FWS does not have to be involved in this approval process. DNR to report changes annually.
- HCP Amendments can be agreed on by FWS & DNR and changes can be made to guidelines, protocols, etc. without amending the HCP itself. Approvals can therefore happen less formally and quicker than through a formal HCP amendment process. This less formal process will still require sufficient and appropriate documentation. DNR & FWS will work through this with upcoming examples.

5. Role of IOC in approving amendments and other IOC administrative and oversight processes

A table of IOC activities taken from the IOC section of the HCP was reviewed. It was agreed that some activities should continue to occur spontaneously; procedures would be developed for some as they applied; and procedures would be drafted up front for IOC approval process and overseeing and planning funding.

Action Item: Matt & Joe to work on IOC approval procedures; Dave to draft funding oversight and management procedures.

6. KBB Fund Financial Report

- **Treasurer's Report**

Matt and Dave provided an overview of the current account balance and indicated that there is a high likelihood that more money will be coming to the account soon. Given that more money is likely to come to the account we need to decide what to spend the money on and how we should do it.

- **Update on Natural Resource Foundation KBB Fund and IOC oversight role**
There was discussion on the high fund maintenance fee by NRF and confusion about the way the fee is levied.

Action Item: Dave will check with NRF to determine what percent of our money is taken out of the account and how often it is deducted? Once over \$10,000, ensure NRF switches to higher interest MM account.

7. SHCA template changes

(update on proposal and comments & suggestions)

- Language proposed to clarify the default to HCP/Guidelines and subsequent amendments.

Proposed language: SHCA template amendment: Add a caveat in SHCA 3.A activities

"....consistent with HCP, ITP ... and any changes and improvements made with HCP participation processes and consistent with the AOP, which amend these documents."

This change is necessary as this was understood by the original partners' original staff, but can not be assumed with new folks or in the future.

- Template improvements to clarify how we have been administering Assignments and Transfers were drafted by Jimmy C. and Dave. Cathy Carnes verbally agreed with the changes earlier today.

8. Monitoring Training 2006

- **Monitoring Protocol changes**

Dave stated that changes were sent out late but nothing was changed from last year. The changes made will not affect the survey protocols, only the sampling plan. One of the changes will be for forestry people doing self-monitoring for inventory, i.e. their share of the 200 sites; they will continue to monitor the same number of sites as last year. If they feel that they do not have looked in all the likely places lupine can be found, then they should first look at the high probability map to see if they have any higher probability areas they may not have explored. If the model verifies that they have in fact looked in all the most likely areas, they don't have to do their assigned share of these sites.

9. Inclusion updates

- **Plum Creek – status of draft SHCA**

Dave stated that Plum Creek revised SHCA with additional lands data and it should now be ready to go. Needs DNR review and processing to Service for CI. Ball is in Dave's court.

- **Oakdale Electric – 2nd CI request pending Cable Plowing Guideline approval and SHCA template changes.** Ball is in Dave's court.
- **Adams Columbia Electric Cooperative – IOC approved on 1/17/06; CI request same as OEC above.** Ball is in Dave's court.
- **Dairyland Power – SHCA under development.** Will need IOC approval when final SHCA drafted. Still working on SHCA, they deal with a number of different aspects of utilities corridor management much the same way ATC does. Ball in Dave's court.
- **We Energies blanket SHCA – being reviewed by DNR**
Second version of a blanket conservation agreement has been reviewed by Dave and he feels that it looks really good and hopefully will be approved in the near future. Ball is in Dave's court.
- **Century Tel** has shown interest. Dave sent them application materials.
- **Koch Pipeline** has shown interest. Dave sent them application materials.

Ursula asked if these partners to be would have lands in the high probability range. Dave commented that the top three definitely do, but not sure about the rest. Either way he feels that they are good candidates for partner status.

10. Closing

- Summarize Action Items.
- Plan next meeting.
- Evaluate this meeting.

Steve said that we are always at the mercy of FWS and that the progress we make is hampered by what we think can get passed by FWS.

Summer Field Trip Planning: There is an urgency to plan the summer field trip and send a date to everyone.

Action Item: Joe, Matt, Ursula and Dave:

Matt and Joe will take the lead on planning the event. Dave will assist. KBB meadow SNA is the current target site. Dave will discuss with ER (R. Schroeder).

Part of the summer field trip could be a nectar plant refresher course in the afternoon.

Ursula will take the lead. Field trip date will need to be very late July or very early August for Ursula to return to the U.S. and the KBB to still be flying in abundance.

SET NEXT MEETING: August 9th, 2006

Action Item: Joe to try to reserve Schmeekle Reserve for Aug. 9. Actual location will be announced later.

For agenda item #5

Role of IOC in approving amendments

As a refresher, review IOC's role (ref.: Implementation Organization of HCP)

In light of changes in approval processes by the Service, characterize types of things IOC should approve. *(Examples to test on last page)*

ITP, HCP, Guideline and Protocol Amendments pending or under development

- Cable Plowing Guideline (no HCP amendment required)
- Rx Burn (proposal; update and discussion)
- Mowing & Brushing Guideline
- Mitigation, Habitat Replacement and Restoration Guideline
- Seed Collection Guideline and HCP Clarification
- Egg Salvage Guideline
- Amend ITP: partner names; principle officer is Scott H.
Advise naming convention for partners (ITP, 11.C)

For agenda item #7

SHCA template amendment: Add a caveat in SHCA 3.A activities "...consistent with HCP, ITP ... and any changes and improvements made with HCP participation processes and consistent with the AOP, which amend these documents." (This was understood by the original partners' original staff, but can not be assumed with new folks or in the future.)

Modifications that clarify SHCA sections on Assignments and Transfers will be available at the IOC meeting.

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